



The New HUMPTY DUMPTY.

A STORY FOR LITTLE & BIG FOLKS
FOUNDED ON THE GREAT CHRISTMAS SPECTACLE.
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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS
Malcolm Douglas' little daughter had been stolen and his court is plunged into grief. King Solomon and his friends—Pantaloan, Harlequin, and Clowns—have all kinds of trouble that she had forgotten all about them.
"If that egg should tumble down..."
Peter, the son of Little Mary, the King's daughter, inadvertently knocks down the egg. Harlequin, who is Peter's father, is very angry at the King and his three comrades, Pantaloan, Harlequin and Columbus, to bring Little Mary back to him and care for her. Humpty Dumpty has come to seek the King's help. He has come to court in search of her missing parents.

CHAPTER II.

Blossom Experiences Difficulties in Finding a Father.

WHEN the Fairy March had gone King Solium was filled with trembling and fear. The big egg was down from the wall, and he recalled with a great deal of apprehension the sign printed underneath it: "If this egg should break, I'll find a daughter, and lose a crown!"

Already a young slip of a girl had appeared at the palace claiming to be his child. He would have been glad to recognize her as such, but her claims, to say the least, seemed preposterous.

It was the thought of losing his crown that worried him. His had been brought up as a king, and he had no other trade. He could not do any work, so he was only fit to be a king.

He did not exactly see how he could lose his crown. Still there were the dangers of being either deposed or assassinated. In the latter case, of course, he would not have to make a living.

He hastily walked up the palace steps, resolved to discuss without any loss of time the situation with his counsellors. Blossom ran after him, but Little Mary, the cook, spread out her skirts and blocked the way.

"I must seek father," pleaded Blossom earnestly.

"Yes, you must seek a good deal farther," said Little Mary, purposefully misunderstanding her. "Princess go to, and after you go to, go four, go six—go as far as you like!"

"Who are you that you should dare stop me?" demanded Blossom haughtily.

"I am the cook," said Little Mary proudly.

"The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world," asserted old Fwooswoos, the king's secretary.

"No," corrected Little Mary. "The hand that rules the ladies is the hand that rules the world."

"She must be crazy," said some one.

"Yes, either crazy or an impostor!" said another, and, such being the general opinion, Blossom was unconcernedly jostled and pushed by rough hands outside the courtyard, and the heavy ornamental gates were slammed in her face.

The poor child sank upon a rock by the roadside, and, covering her face with her hands, gave way to bitter tears. Suddenly she felt a hand pat her mean, what you haven't told me."

"Then give it back to me again," said Prince Rudolph. "No, I won't."

"With such an influential guide, Blossom had no difficulty in finding the King's residence." said Prince Rudolph.

"Then I will go with you," said Blossom.

"You shall not go alone," said Prince Rudolph.

"You may say I'm a trifle—"

"Come along," said Prince Rudolph, kissing her again.

"With the joyous quartet let loose in a wild harlequinade, the rollicking Humpty Dumpty, bit Pantaloan a resounding whack with his slapstick, and the old fellow screamed a parabola. Columbine began to piroquette, as Harlequin tried to catch his tootsie, till she fell back in his arms, and they formed one of the graceful postures of which they seemed so fond. Finally all joined hands, and raced madly

around in a circle, until they saw some one coming and took to sudden flight.

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With all his impudence of impudence, Humpty Dumpty had begun making the most extraordinary gestures.

"Oh, dear," said Blossom, "I forgot that you can't speak!"

Humpty Dumpty placed his hand tightly over his mouth, after which he worked his right arm energetically up and down, emitting at the same time a loud, buzzing sound with his lips.

He was being like that of a number-mill in operation.

"Say nothing and saw wood!" interposed Blossom. "Is that what you mean?"

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